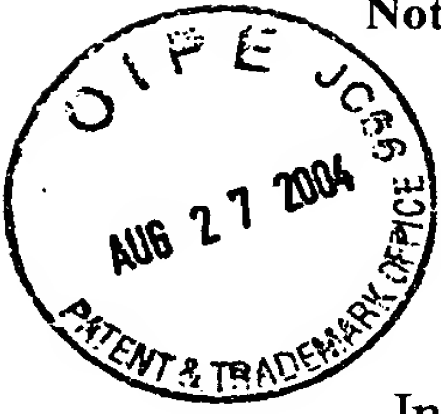


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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated **May 25, 2004**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
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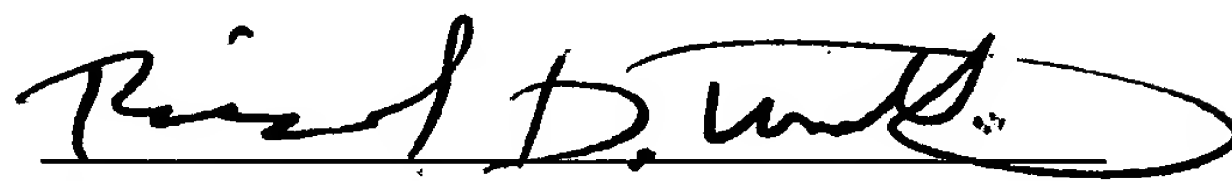
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REMARKS

In an Office Action dated July 16, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Examiner Wright indicated that she needed copies of the references referred to in the information disclosure statement filed on May 10, 2001. In the information disclosure statement, Applicants noted that the references were provided to the patent office in connection with the parent application -- U.S. Patent Application Serial Number No. 09/123,300 ("300 application"), which was filed on July 28, 1998, and issued as U.S. Patent 6,252,087 on June 26, 2001. Attached hereto is a signed copy of the PTO 1449 from the parent application.

In a December 14, 2001 Communication, Applicants responded to Examiner Wright's request for copies of the references. In that Communication, Applicants forwarded copies of the cited references and advised Examiner Wright that although a copy of the reference entitled "Oxygen Concentration Determined Non-Invasively," *Biomed. Products*, 1992, 17(12), 31 could not be located at that time, it was cited and submitted to the PTO in the 300 application as reference "AR" on the PTO 1449 form. Applicants also stated that Horsman, M.R., "Lack of Correlation with Eppendorf," 1996, could not be found after a reasonable search. Applicants have again conducted a further search for these references. But after this further reasonable search, Applicants still have not located copies of the two references mentioned above. Applicants have also conferred with inventor Koch regarding the same and he has no knowledge of either reference.

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